

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
MEETING AGENDA



ISLA VISTA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

Thursday, August 11, 2011  
6:00 PM  
District Offices  
961 Embarcadero Del Mar  
Isla Vista, California

**Board of Directors**

Bruce Murdock  
Chairperson

Liz Buda  
Vice-Chair

Leif Dreizler  
Director

Katie Kasatkina  
Director

Roger Lagerquist  
Director

**General Manager**  
Jeff Lindgren

**District Clerk**  
Gabriel Bretado

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **ANNOUNCE MEETING BEING RECORDED**
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
5. **PUBLIC INPUT**
  - A. Announcements
  - B. Public Comments/Vox Populi. During Vox Populi, any member of the public may speak on any item within the Board's jurisdiction for no more than three (3) minutes. The Board will not take action on any non-agenda item except as provided by law.
6. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
  - A. July 14, 2011 Regular Meeting *pgs 1-2*
  - B. July 20, 2011 Special Meeting *pgs 3*
  - C. July 27, 2011 Special Meeting
7. **BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. Representatives
    1. Special Districts Association
    2. Misc. Update on Activities/Meetings Representing the District
    3. Policy and Ordinance Committee Report and discussion of topics
    4. Finance & Budget Committee Report and discussion of topics
    5. District Website Liaison Report and discussion of topics
  - B. Future Agenda Item Suggestions

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE** *pgs 5-13*

Recommendation: Receive and File the presented Administrative Report of District staff activity for August 2011.
9. **CONSENT CALENDAR** *pgs4-6*
  - A. **BOARD PROJECTS OF INTEREST:**

**Distribution of Board Materials, Board Minute Log, Operation Hours, Grounds Report, Park Ranger Report, and Anisq'Oyo' Park Lighting**

Recommendation: Direct staff to undertake and report back as necessary on electronic distribution of Board materials, publish the Board Minute Log on the District Web Site, develop a report on work hours and hours of operation, report on progress with Grounds supervision, add a Park Ranger Report to the General

Manager's Report and address safety and maintenance issues with lighting in Anisq'Oyo' Park.

*Public Hearing 6:30p*

**10. FINAL ENGINEERS REPORT**

Recommendation: Hold public hearing to hear protests from the public regarding the levy and collection of assessments; & consider approval of the Final Engineers Report.

**11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPT A BLOCK AND PARK RANGER POSITIONS**

Recommendation: Discuss and initiate hiring Adopt A Block and District Park Ranger positions.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Posted, noticed, and delivered in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act §54954.1 and §54954.2. In accordance with §54954.2 of the Ralph M. Brown Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, a request for disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, may be made by a person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting. Requests must be made to District Clerk Gabriel Bretado at 968-2017 ext. 26, several days prior to the meeting date, to allow sufficient time for appointment of services. In accordance with §54954.5 of the Ralph M. Brown Act the Board of Director Agenda packets are made available on the District web site, [www.ivparks.org](http://www.ivparks.org), 72 hours in advance of each meeting.



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District Clerk

August 2, 2011

Date

# **DRAFT**

**1. 6:00P THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 14, 2011** WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON MURDOCK at the District Offices, 961 Embarcadero Del Mar, Isla Vista, California.

**2. WELCOME TO ALL PRESENT:** (A ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS WAS TAKEN) BOARD MEMBERS BUDA, DREIZLER, LAGERQUIST & MURDOCK; STAFF MEMBERS BRETADO & LINDGREN

Director Kasatkina was absent

3. Chairperson Murdock announced that the Board Meeting is being recorded.

## **4. ADOPT AGENDA**

110714-01 MOTION: to adopt the July 14, 2011 meeting agenda as presented  
Buda/Dreizler 4-0-0 unanimous

6:05p Director Kasatkina joined meeting

5. A. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

5. B. VOX POPULI-

## **9. NOISE ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

110714-02 MOTION: to table for another meeting  
Buda/Lagerquist 5-0-0 unanimous

## **10. FUTURE USE OF PERFECT PARKING LOT**

110714-03 MOTION: Direct staff to develop and implementation plan and cost estimates to implement and resurface section A as skate park, to Demo section B, to use C for staff and local businesses, table New beginnings for next meeting.  
Buda/Dreizler 5-0-0 unanimous

7:08p Chairperson Murdock called for a 5 minute break

7:15p Chairperson Murdock called meeting back to order

## **11. REASSESSMENT DISTRICT 99-01**

110714-04 MOTION: adopt Resolution No. 110714-001, which approves for Reassessment District 99-01, adopts the Preliminary Engineers Report and sets a hearing to receive protests at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on August 11 ,2011.

Direct staff to review incorrect bedroom counts and incorporate into final engineers report & to direct staff to prepare and record a release of liens to those parcels whos liens have been paid off.  
Murdock/Buda 5-0-0 unanimous

## **6. DISTRICT MINUTES**

110714-05 MOTION: to approve the minutes of the June 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, the June 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting & the July 7<sup>th</sup> Special meeting as presented  
Buda/Lagerquist 5-0-0 unanimous

## **7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### A. Representatives.

1. Special Districts: Director Dreizler reported on the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting
2. IV Community Network: no report
3. Misc. Update on Activities/Meeting Representing the District: No report
4. Policy and Ordinance: no report
5. Finance and Budget: no report
6. District Website Liaison Report: Director Dreizler updated board on District Website

### B. Future Agenda Item Suggestions: discuss meeting start time

## **8. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

110714-06 MOTION: To receive and file the Administrative Report

Dreizler/Kasatkina

5-0-0 unanimous

## **16. HIRING FREEZE**

110714-07 MOTION: to implement a 12 month hiring freeze effective immediately, excluding the AAB and work study positions.

Kasatkina/Buda

5-0-0 unanimous

## **13. GREEK PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

110714-08 MOTION: to approve conceptual plans for Greek Park improvements

Lagerquist/Dreizler

5-0-0 unanimous

## **12. ANISQ'OYO' AND PERFECT PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

This item was tabled until the July 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting

## **14. WORK PROGRAM**

This item was tabled until the July 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting

## **15. GROUNDS VEHICLE PURCHASE**

This item was tabled until the July 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting

9:07p Director called a 5 minute recess

9:12p Chairperson Murdock called meeting back to order and announced the meeting would be going into closed session

10:15p Chairperson Murdock called meeting back into open session

Chairperson Murdock announced there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

## **18. ADJOURNMENT**

10:16p Chairperson Murdock adjourned the meeting.

**DRAFT**

**1. 3:30p THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 20, 2011** WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON MURDOCK at the District Offices, 961 Embarcadero Del Mar, Isla Vista, California.

**2. WELCOME TO ALL PRESENT:** (A ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS WAS TAKEN) BOARD MEMBERS BUDA, DREIZLER, LAGERQUIST & MURDOCK; STAFF MEMBERS LINDGREN

Directors Kasatkina were absent

**4. ADOPT AGENDA**

110720-01 MOTION: to adopt the July 20, 2011 special meeting agenda as presented.

Dreizler/Buda 4-0-0 unanimous

3:35p Director Kasatkina joined the meeting

**5. A. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5. B. VOX POPULI-**

**8.NOISE ORDINANCE**

110720-02: MOTION: To waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 2011-001 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT REGULATING AMPLIFIED SOUND ON DISTRICT PROPERTY as amended”, and introduce the ordinance and read by title only; and to schedule a second reading for final approval for October 13, 2011.

Buda/Dreizler 5-0-0 unanimous

\*amendment- to add “*Any person violating any provision of this ordinance will be issued a verbal warning for first violation*”

**6.GENERAL MANAGER QUARTERLY REPORT**

110720-03 MOTION: to receive and File General Manager’s Quarterly Report

Lagerquist/Dreizler 5-0-0 unanimous

**7. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

110720-04 MOTION: to receive and File the Quarterly Financial Report.

Dreizler/Buda 5-0-0 unanimous

4:38p Chairperson Murdock called a 10minute recess

4:48p Chairperson Murdock called meeting back

**9. WORK PROGRAM**

110720-05 MOTION: to approve the Final Work Program for FY 2011-12 as recommended by the Finance Committee and revised by the Board during adoption of the Preliminary Budget in March 2011

Dreizler/Kasatkina 5-0-0 unanimous

**10.GROUNDS VEHICLE PURCHASE**

110720-06 MOTION: to approve updated vehicle replacement schedule and authorize the General Manager to sign a purchase order, not to exceed \$22,000, for purchase of a new John Deere 1445 Series II to replace the existing John Deere 1445 in the District fleet.

Buda/Lagerquist

5-0-0 unanimous

**11. ANISO'OYO' AND PERFECT PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

110720-07 MOTION: To implement the softening of the berms and to place low plants in its place and to select Option Perfect Park 2-Low Growing Replanting as outlined in staff report and to refurbish the lighting.

Dreizler/Buda

5-0-0 unanimous

To develop a protocol to turn over any drug paraphernalia found on IVRPD property to the IV Foot Patrol.

Lagerquist/Buda

5-0-0 unanimous

5:55p Chairperson Murdock called the meeting into closed session

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

California Government Code Section 54957.6

DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR: Board Chairperson

Unrepresented Employees: General Manager

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

California Government Code Section 54957.6

DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR: General Manager

Employee Organization: SEIU Local 620

6:30p Chairperson Murdock called meeting back into open session and announced no reportable action was taken.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

6:31p Chairperson Murdock adjourned the meeting.

**DRAFT**

**1. 4:30p THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 27, 2011** WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON MURDOCK at the District Offices, 961 Embarcadero Del Mar, Isla Vista, California.

**2. WELCOME TO ALL PRESENT:** (A ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS WAS TAKEN) BOARD MEMBERS BUDA, DREIZLER, LAGERQUIST & MURDOCK; STAFF MEMBERS LINDGREN

Director Kasatkina was absent

**4. ADOPT AGENDA**

110727-01 MOTION: to adopt the July 27, 2011 special meeting agenda as presented.  
Dreizler/Lagerquist 4-0-0 unanimous

**5. A. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5. B. VOX POPULI-**

4:31p Chairperson Murdock called the meeting into closed session

4:45p Director Kasatkina joined the meeting

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

California Government Code Section 54957.6  
DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR: General Manager  
Employee Organization: SEIU Local 620

**B. GENERAL MANAGER'S ANNUAL REVIEW**

California Government Code Section 54957.6  
DISTRICT NEGOTIATOR: Board Chairperson  
Unrepresented Employees: General Manager

6:30p Chairperson Murdock called meeting back into open session and announced no reportable action was taken.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

6:31p Chairperson Murdock adjourned the meeting.



## STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD

**FROM:** Jeff Lindgren, General Manager

**DATE REPORT PREPARED:** August 2, 2011

**MEETING DATE:** August 11, 2011

**RE:** **STAFF ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

### **Recommendation:**

Receive and comment on the presented administrative report of District staff activity for August, 2011.

### **General Manager Report:**

- **Teen Center** – Staff has completed permit applications to County Planning and County Building and Safety. The County has indicated that permits could be ready on time to meet the anticipated move of the modular. Previously, the University suggested money would be available for relocation and set up of the modular at Estero but has since withdrawn that offer. The YMCA has found the money to fund the move and reimburse the District for staff costs associated with permitting activities. All parties are moving toward a September relocation of the building.
- **Adopt-A-Block** – Interviews of six candidates for the coordinator position were conducted on Aug 4. It was a very good pool of candidates including two in-house candidates.
- **State Budget and Redevelopment Agencies** – On June 28 the Governor signed a budget that will eliminate Redevelopment Agencies but also allows agencies the option to make “voluntary” to the State if they want to continue to operate. The payments from RDAs would total \$1.7 billion in 2011-12. Independent Special Districts were not impacted by the budget or which path the Santa Barbara County Redevelopment Agency ultimately follows.

### **Recreation Report:**

- **Recreation Annual Report** – Attached for your review.
- **Sequoia Trip** – The District’s five-day camping trip to Sequoia with 14 children was awesome, despite two afternoon of heavy rain. The biggest surprise was finding that, due to twice the normal snowfall this year, many locations still had snow in July. All the creeks and rivers, roaring

with the runoff from melting snow, rambled turbulently down the mountains, making the falls more spectacular than ever!

The District's volunteer assignments with the U.S. Forestry Service focused on the Lodgepole Campgroup this year. The older kids worked alongside the Santa Barbara Housing Authority group, digging out and removing the ashes from the campsite fire pits. The younger children worked with District staff replacing the old stickers on the bear lockers with new, larger bilingual stickers. Our group worked on both projects for two days.

During the Sequoia excursion, our group made 13 field trips within the National Forest. These excursions included volunteering at The Lodgepole Campgrounds on two separate days, swimming at Hume Lake, climbing Moro Rock, walking the Congress Trail, snowball fights at Wolverton, visiting the General Sherman Tree, touring the Crystal Caves, hiking to Topoka Falls, visiting the Lodgepole Visitor's Center, hiking to the Chimney Tree, playing games at Dorst Creek, driving through the Tunnel Log and taking a nature walk at Crescent Meadow.

A highlight of the trip was helping an 11 year-old girl conquer her fear to climb Moro Rock, a giant granite dome with one-thousand foot sides towering thousands of feet above the expansive Kaweah River valley (A four hundred-step stairway with railings or large chunks of granite on the sides was installed in 1930.) I stayed by her side the entire way up, trading places so that I was always on the side next to the drop-off. With tears streaming down her smiling face, she made it to the very top! The crest of the dome provided spectacular views of the Great Western Divide to the east, the spires of Castle Rock to the south and the coastal mountains to the west.

The environmental education portion of the Nature Corps Program included ranger presentations on bears, crystal caves and career opportunities with the Forestry Service. Many thanks to Citrix Systems, Right Scale, the Breakfast Optimist Club of Goleta and the UCSB Optimist Club which all contributed funding for scholarships! Because the Nature Corps program fees doubled this year, the Sequoia Excursion would not have been possible without their substantial support.

### **Park Ranger Report:**

The IVRPD Park Ranger position is gaining some solid foundations. The uniform, which the IV Foot Patrol has assisted with, is completed and looks very official. At the end of this month the Ranger will be attending a week long training in Santa Maria. This training is an entry level Peace Officer arrest course titled PC 832. Upon completion of training, the Ranger will have more authority to uphold the Park District ordinances. The Sheriff's department has issued the District a two-way radio for emergency situations. This addition allows the Ranger to radio either directly to an on-duty officer, or to the Foot Patrol Dispatch. The Ranger has also been recently recertified in CPR and First Aid through the American Red Cross of Santa Barbara. Finally, a ride along has been set up with the Santa Barbara County Park Ranger at Jalama County Beach for August 6<sup>th</sup>. This will allow the Ranger the opportunity to learn different styles and approaches of enforcement.

## General Manager Priorities

Priority	Project	Status	Completion Date
1.	Camino Corto HMP (GM Objectives)	Work completed week of 1/31/11	Complete
2.	Camino Corto Vehicle Warning Signs (Deferred Project from 2009)	Work completed week of 1/24/11	Complete
3.	Complete the permitting of the AO park bridges demolition and replacement (GM Objectives)	Permitting completed. Construction underway with completion date of 3/31/11	Complete
4.	AO Park Restroom upgrades (Work Program)	Central Service and Supply providing plumbing work. All four are functional w/ North side on manual pending sensor tests.	Complete
5.	Curb Cut in Sueno Orchard (Work Program)	Work completed 1/1/11	Complete
6.	Project Development for re-Programming Anisq'Oyo' Bridge Replacement Block Grant Funds (Unanticipated)	Board selected Little Acorn Park, Disc Golf Course and seating. Staff submitted grant applications and projects underway.	Complete
7.	Inventory of play equipment, benches, pic nic tables, water meters, electric meters, and trash cans (GM Objectives)	Necessary to institute a system of monitoring the allocation of resources for parks maintenance.	Complete
8.	Repair of Madrid Road Stub (Unanticipated)	Worst damaged sections patched for safety. Negotiated for work to be completed by others.	Complete
9.	Basketball Courts at Estero Park (Grant Funded Projects)	Concrete and posts in place	Complete
10.	Anisq'Oyo' Park Bridge Replacement (Grant Funded Projects)	Construction complete.	Complete
11.	Disc Golf Course (Grant Funded Projects)	Project Cancelled.	-
12.	Little Acorn Park Electrical (Work Program)	Electrical meter has been relocated and shed removed.	Complete
13.	Reestablish the partnership for funding Adopt-A-Block (GM Objectives)	GWSD Board approved budget expenditure to fully fund AAB.	Complete

## General Manager Priorities

Priority	Project	Status	Completion Date
14.	District Ranger Program (Work Program)	Matt Hoff hired as Ranger	Complete
15.	Reassessment District Engineer Search (Board Directed)	Contract for Penfield and Smith complete	Complete
16.	Financial Trend Data (Board Directed)	Ten year data on expenditures and revenues compiled.	Complete
17.	Little Acorn Upgrades (Grant Funded Projects)	Irrigation and reconstruction of paths, new landscaping and seating. Underway but delayed due to weather.	Complete
18.	Reassessment District Engineer of Record Search (Board Directed)	Penfield & Smith retained to complete 99-01.	Complete
19.	Playfield at Estero Park (Grant Funded Projects)	Construction contract generally complete. Turf to open Aug 15. District owned components to be installed.	Complete
20.	99-01 Reassessment Project (Unanticipated)	Corrections and updates completed. New Engineer firm retained. Significant savings to tax payers.	Complete
21.	Union Negotiations (Administrative)	Analyze and make recommendations to Board, lead negotiations with SEIU	8/30/11
22.	District Counsel Search (Board Directed)	Four local attorneys that specialize in public entity law. The attorney we hoped to interview left the area. One option with Mullen & Henzel remains but responsiveness have been an issue.	8/30/11
23.	Minute Log (Board Directed)	All years in MSWord format. Draft edit of the 1970s and 1980s available for review. 2005-2011 on-line now.	8/30/11
24.	Park Deeds and Facilities (Board Directed)	Draft complete. Recreate and expand matrix of essential data for each District park	8/30/11
25.	Study staffing (GM Objectives)	Preliminary staffing recommendation under development.	8/30/11
26.	Estero Park Community Garden Fence (Work Program)	The fence is to be replaced as part of the Estero Park playfield project. Playfield is under construction but delayed due to weather.	8/30/11
27.	Institute a system of monitoring the allocation of resources and the effectiveness of park maintenance services (GM Objectives)	Individual Park Audits are on-going as part of the allocation of resources. Ten park audits remain and this information will be combined with previous data to detail park maintenance utilization.	8/30/11

## General Manager Priorities

Priority	Project	Status	Completion Date
28.	Address the health, safety and enforcement issues that currently exist, with an emphasis on AO Park and open spaces (GM Objectives)	Pruning and clean-up work in Perfect and AO complete. Job description for Ranger position complete with intent to have Ranger on staff early Spring. Project for Spring may include physical changes to AO, Perfect, Peoples	8/30/11
29.	Work with the Policy and Ordinance Committee to make necessary updates and changes (GM Objectives)	Park Rental areas mapped, Policy Section 5060 and Budget process revised, No Smoking Ordinance approved by Board, Policy Manual clean-up underway.	9/30/11
30.	Complete individual park plans (GM Objectives)	Individual park audits are underway. No funding designated for park plans in FY 2010-2011 or FY 2011-2012	9/30/12
31.	Anisq'Oyo' Park Master Plan \$30,000 is available to complete the plan. (Work Program)	Some planning work complete but RDA funding now in question. Alternative improvement project presented to Board for physical improvements this Spring.	9/30/11
32.	Fortuna - Private Property Encroachments (Unanticipated)	Letter mailed by Richards Watson and Gershon to property owners notifying them to remove the encroachment. The Fortuna encroachment requires study with surveyor and County on possibility of acquiring road easement as trail easement for the District.	9/30/11
33.	Kids Trail Park Encroachment (Unanticipated)	Grounds staff mowed to near the property line. New fence to be constructed along boundary.	9/30/11
34.	Update District tree plan (GM Objectives)	District Tree Plan will be an outcome of the Individual Park Plans. No Funding for current FY.	12/30/12
35.	Make significant progress in advancing the design, engineering, and permitting of the Skate Park; prepare a development plan (GM Objectives)	Ongoing work with fund raising plan drafted, fund raisers planned and completed, applications for funding submitted. Milestone is to raise is \$20,000 for refining design and 3D Model. No funding committed in current FY budget.	1/15/12
36.	Greek Park Improvements Funding and Design (Work Program)	Working with campus groups and Greeks for funding	1/30/12
37.	Surfacing Materials \$10,000 for decomposed granite to be used in pathways and Fibar material for playgrounds (Work Program)	Fibar install complete last summer and again this Summer. Pelican Park and AO are priority for future repairs of DG paths.	9/30/11

## General Manager Priorities

Priority	Project	Status	Completion Date
38.	Vernal Pool Signs (Grant Funded Projects)	Six are installed, two are ready for install and three more in production. On-hold until grant projects completed.	9/30/11
39.	UCSB Long Range Development Plan Negotiations (Unanticipated)	Mitigations presented to UCSB. Pursue at Cal Coastal Commission for mitigations to impacts	9/30/12
40.	Park Sign Rehabilitation (Unanticipated)	Grounds project on-going as time allows	9/30/11
41.	COB Benches \$1,500 for a COB bench project in the District (Work Program)	A cob bench feature could be incorporated into the disc golf course expansion.	9/30/11

## **RECREATION PROGRAM: Annual Report 2010-2011**

### **ON-GOING PROGRAMS**

#### CHILDREN'S PARK PROGRAM M – F 3:00 – 6:00 PM

The average daily attendance for the afternoon recreation program at Children's Park during the 2010-2011 fiscal year was forty-three children. This program provided a variety of activities including arts & craft projects, educational games and toys, sports, contests, recreational games, and daily snacks.

#### HIKING AND EXPLORATION CLUB (22 Field Trips)

Hiking and Exploration Club excursions from July 2010 through June 2011 included a tour of Halloween decorations in October and one of Holiday Lights in December, as well as field trips to Fortuna Park, Anisq 'Oyo Park, the Sueno/Pasado Rock Climbing Wall, La Patera School, Nojoqui Falls, UCSB's Gorilla Park, Rattlesnake Canyon, the Coal Oil Point Preserve, the Snowy Plover Preserve and the Carpinteria Seal Sanctuary. Although Hiking Club trips in the van were limited to 13 children, as many as twenty-five children attended trips to locations within Isla Vista. Numerous trips were made to Fortuna Park, which the children fondly refer to as "The Dinosaur Park".

#### CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (117 Field Trips)

This program provided one hundred and seventeen excursions to events providing cultural enrichment for disadvantaged local children. Field trips were made to quite an assortment of activities including 21 movies, 5 Viva El Arte performances, 3 I.V. Teen Center events, 9 miscellaneous performances, 18 comedy shows, 17 sporting events, 17 art workshops (not including Home Depot), 5 art exhibits, 1 storytelling workshop, 1 cooking workshop, 1 identity workshop, 3 educational field trips through the SB Roundtable Program, 4 miscellaneous educational field trips, 5 local festivals and special events, 1 trip to the SB Presidio, 5 community service field trips (not including Adopt-a-Block), and 1 award presentation.

#### HOME DEPOT WORKSHOPS (12 Field Trips)

On the first Saturday of each month, Home Depot provides a free workshop for children ages 5 to 12. Each child is provided with an apron and a pre-cut wood project to assemble. Recreation staff and volunteers walk the children from Children's Park to Home Depot and assist them with constructing their projects. After the workshops, the children are treated to a small lunch at McDonald's restaurant.

The Home Depot Workshops continue to be The District's most popular field trip. From July 2010 through June 2011, forty-eight unduplicated children participated in the program, with as many as twenty-five children attending the same day. The children completed the following projects last year: periscopes, knickknack boxes, football stands, trivets, fire station banks, toy wagons, helicopters, battery organizers, spice racks, race cars, planter boxes, flower pot stands, and a valet organizer.

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

The Isla Vista Public Improvement Corporation's grant through the FoodBank of Santa Barbara County for "Children at Risk" allowed The District to provide a food distribution program serving

at least 302 individuals from 149 families throughout the year. In addition to the nutritious snacks available during the afternoon recreation program, children were given food staples such as bread products, cereal, soup, popcorn, canned goods, peanut butter, potatoes, avocados, oranges, onions, cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, apples, apricots, melons, berries, crackers, macaroni & cheese, grapefruit, cookies, juice, jam, and jerky to take home to their families.

#### SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM

(9 Field Trips)

JUNE – AUGUST

The District's summer swim program at the UCSB Recreation Center took place on Thursday afternoons. A total of 30 unduplicated children and 9 parents participated in the nine-week program. Rosita Gonzales, Recreation Specialist, lead pool games and helped the children improve their swimming skills.

#### CHILDREN'S ADOPT A BLOCK PROGRAM (86 Field Trips)

Throughout the year recreation leaders took children on field trips twice each week, picking up trash in Children's and Estero Parks and along the 6600 blocks of Picasso, Abrego and Sueno Roads as well as Camino Del Sur, Camino Pescadero and Seville Road. Forty-three unduplicated children participated in the eighty-six clean-ups coordinated this year! Many thanks to IV Drip and Woodstock's Pizza for providing treats for our young volunteers.

#### NATURE CORPS SEQUOIA EXCURSION 8/9/10-8/13/10 (15 field trips)

In August the District's Recreation Division took 18 children and four staff on a five-day camping trip to Sequoia to volunteer with the US Forestry Service and experience the wonder of Sequoia. This year's work assignment was to help convert two parking lots back into forest. Everyone representing IVRPD worked enthusiastically and was proud of their contribution toward preserving this national treasure for future generations. The group made a total of fourteen field trips within the National Forest. These excursions included volunteering in The Giant Forrest on two separate days, swimming at Hume Lake, climbing Moro Rock, picnicking at Pinewood and Halstead, hiking to the General Sherman Tree, touring the Crystal Caves, visiting Grant's Grove, swimming in the Topoka River, hiking to Panoramic Point, visiting the Lodgepole Visitor's Center, meeting the Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and taking a nature walk at Crescent Meadow.

The environmental education portion of the Nature Corps Program included ranger presentations on bears, giant sequoias, forest restoration, crystal caves, forest fires, and career opportunities with the Forestry Service. Many thanks to Mark Landon, the director of the Nature Corps, who coordinated the program; IVPIC which paid for the rental of the luggage van; The Santa Barbara Foundation which co-sponsored this fantastic trip; and also the Breakfast Optimist Club of Goleta and the UCSB Optimist Club which both contributed funding for scholarships!

#### HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Working alongside District recreation leaders, nine high school students earned community service hours toward their graduation requirement during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. These students had the opportunity to volunteer with eight different programs, projects & special events: Children's Adopt-A-Block, the Nature Corps Program in Sequoia, the Tutoring Program, the Cultural Enrichment Program, the Afternoon Recreation Program at Children's Park, Dia De Los Niños, the Hiking & Exploration Club and the Home Depot Wood Workshops. Many thanks to these very helpful volunteers: Cristy Santos, Areli Martinez, Juan Vasquez, Esther Nunez, Maria Vasquez, Alejandro Garcia, Jessica Gallegos, Ricardo Leyva and Yisel Medrano!

High School students earning community service hours are a wonderful addition to the after school program at Children's Park. These Dos Pueblos High School students lead soccer and handball games, pick up trash, sweep the patio, assist with arts and craft activities, teach educational games and help with set-up and clean up. The younger children especially enjoy playing with the teens.

## YOUTH SOCCER TEAM (8 field trips to games)

On behalf of our low-income families, The District was again able to negotiate a discounted price which allowed Isla Vista youth to participate in the Goleta Boys and Girls Club Spring Soccer Program. Rosita Gonzalez, Recreation Specialist, coached the District's coed youth soccer team for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Because the Estero Soccer field was under construction, practices were held twice a week at Isla Vista School. Saturday games were played at La Patera School. A total of fifteen children participated in the program.

## **COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS**

### FANTASTIC FRIDAYS

Twenty-four volunteers from La Escuelita, a UCSB student group, participated in the Fantastic Friday Program at the Children's Park recreation program this year. Activities for the eleven fun-filled Fridays included arts and craft projects, table games, jump rope, homework help, handball games and tetherball competitions. Thank you La Escuelita! The children loved the variety and enthusiasm that was added to The District's after-school program.

### TUTORING AT CHILDREN'S PARK

During the fall quarter UCSB's Family Literacy Program began sending volunteer tutors to The District's afternoon recreation program at Children's Park. In addition to providing tutoring, these UCSB students read stories, listened attentively to children reading, lead educational games, and used flashcards to help the children improve their phonics and math skills.

## **NEW PROGRAMS**

### FAMILY FUN & FITNESS

The new Family Fun & Fitness Program, which was offered four times during the year, provided one-hour of simple, fun activities, silly games, team building exercises, aerobic dancing, relay races and sports. The goals and objectives of the program were to build strong families, to provide healthy recreational activities for Isla Vista families, to encourage exercise and to promote a healthy life style. Participants were also encouraged to walk to and from Isla Vista School. A total of twenty-eight unduplicated families participated in the program. Many thanks to UCSB's IVCRC for co-sponsoring this series!

### SUMMER ACADAMY

Due to funding cuts, the Goleta Union School District was not able to offer any summer school at all this year. As a result, recreation staff decided it would be especially important to assist local children in retaining and improving their academic skills. Juri Holmes, a teacher at Foothill Elementary school who was hired as a recreation leader for the summer months, developed a simple curriculum designed to include the basics: reading, writing and arithmetic. The new academic program was offered in conjunction with the afternoon program at Children's Park starting in June. Children completed math fact sheets and wrote daily journals or book reports which they read to each other. Hard working children were allowed to select small prizes periodically and those with marked improvement will be awarded medallions at the end of the summer.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS, CONTESTS & FESTIVALS**

### KIDS FIGHT DRUGS POSTER CONTEST

In September Isla Vista children submitted their entries for the annual Kids Fight Drugs Poster Contest, sponsored by Fighting Back, a program of the Santa Barbara Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. The theme for this year's competition was "Not is hot—I'm drug free!" The District had fourteen winners this year, which is a new record. Five posters were chosen to appear on the

2011 calendar, eight posters earned Honorable Mention awards, and Anne Aziz was chosen to receive one of two teacher awards. The District's highest winner was Stephanie Porcayo who won second place overall and received a \$400 savings bond. Grade level winners were Luis Flores for sixth grade, Estefany Flores for third grade, David Zamora for first grade, and Emily Flores for kindergarten. Grade level winners received \$250 savings bonds.

#### RECREATION LEADER CONTESTS

Recreation leaders at Children's Park coordinated a minimum of one contest each quarter last year. Competitions included timed obstacle courses, foot races, jump rope, Hula-Hoop, math facts, drawing, tetherball, batting, foosball and a block-stacking competition.

#### NEWSPRESS HOLIDAY COLORING CONTEST 12/5/10

Numerous children attending the afternoon recreation program at Children's Park created drawings for a coloring contest sponsored by the Santa Barbara Newspress. Brian Zamora, a four-year-old, won an Honorable Mention award in the contest. His prize was a certificate for a free pizza from Rusty's Pizza Parlor.

#### TURKEY DISTRIBUTION 11/19/10

Because the Isla Vista Public Improvement Corporation is a member of the FoodBank of Santa Barbara County, The District was able to request turkeys to distribute to needy families during the fall quarter. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Anne Aziz and Rosita Gonzalez delivered thirty-three frozen turkeys, weighing a total of 462 pounds, to thankful families living in the vicinity of Children's Park. Four \$5 gift cards for Albertsons were also distributed.

#### ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION 12/28/10

In addition to the regular monthly food distributions, an additional holiday food distribution was held in December. Due to the rain, the distribution was held in the Community Room at the Self Help Housing apartments on Abrego. Families were notified about the change in location by phone. Items distributed included a wide assortment of items collected during the Food Bank's Food Drive, as well as peanut butter, potatoes, bread, onions, cabbage, apples and roasted almonds.

#### DIA DE LOS NIÑOS/SPRING FEST 5/21/11

This Family Festival, co-sponsored by The District and numerous other local organizations, took place at Children's Park on Saturday, May 21st. Recreation staff provided the following activities: a play-dough table, a windsock project, a paper plate aquarium craft, a bean-bag toss game, a Foosball game and Hula Hoop games. Fruit, small toys and chocolate bars were given as prizes. Recreation staff recorded the names of ninety-two children who participated in the activities coordinated by The District.

#### SUMMER JUMP ROPE CONTEST

Because it had been four years since the last Steps/Jumps per minute jump rope contest, the Recreation Coordinator decided it was time to offer the contest again. Jumping rope is a fantastic aerobic activity because it increases endurance, balance and coordination while building and toning muscles. Jump rope contests produce quick results for those who are willing to contribute a little effort. Children learn experientially that there is a direct correlation between hard work and success—an empowering lesson which has the potential to be life-changing.

At the beginning of the contest, a trophy was promised to any child who could score more than 150 jumps in one minute by the end of the summer. A small prize and the prestige of having one's name posted on the "100's List" was also offered to those who scored at least 100 jumps per minute. During the first two weeks of the contest only one child was able to earn that privilege. (His initial score had been only 67.) By the end of the sixth week nine children had scores of 100 or higher and three had earned trophies!

## CHILDREN'S ADOPT-A-BLOCK AWARD PRESENTATION 6/30/11

At the end of June, Katie Boettcher and Rosita Gonzalez organized an award ceremony at Children's Park for children who had participated in the Adopt-A-Block program during the year. A certificate of appreciation was printed for each of the forty-three children who had volunteered for the program. Three children, who had contributed more than 20 hours each, were presented with t-shirts and others received AAB color-changing drinking cups.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

### COMMUNITY SERVICE FIELD TRIPS 7/24/10, 3/17/11, 5/20/11, 6/2/11 & 6/24/11 (5 trips)

Recreation staff took children on five community service trips to collect litter beyond the borders of Isla Vista last year. Two trips were made to Lake Los Carneros. Everyone picked up trash as they walked around the lake, stopping briefly to feed bread to the ducks and swans. During the spring trip, the children counted twenty-seven turtles as they crossed over the wooden bridge at the far end of the lake.

In May the children played in the playground at Stow Park and then recreation leaders divided them into two groups leading a contest to see which group could collect the most litter. The entire south side of the park was quickly cleaned and the younger children were declared the winners.

Recreation leaders took children on two community clean-up field trips to Kid's World in June. Everyone picked up at least 30 pieces of litter, a group total of more than 450 pieces of trash! During the trip at the beginning of the month, children who worked hard were given a magic Adopt-A-Block cup that changed color when filled with an icy liquid. On both trips the group quickly cleaned the area surrounding the children's play structure and the adjoining picnic areas. Some of the children picked up more than 60 pieces of trash!

### UCSB SPORTING EVENTS (17 field trips)

During 2010-2011 children were escorted on seventeen excursions to sporting events at UCSB, which was more than twice as many as during the previous year. These outings included 3 soccer games, 4 volleyball games and 10 basketball games. One of the men's basketball games was an incredible double overtime game. The Gauchos, who were the underdogs, won that very intense game and went on to become the 2011 Big West Champions!

### MOVIES (21 field trips)

Recreation staff took children on twenty-one field trips to see movies during the 2010-2011 year. Films offered through UCSB's Multicultural Center included *Little Manila: Filipinos in California's Heartland*; *Autumn Gem: a documentary on Modern China's first Feminist*; *Blacking-up: Hip-Hop's Remix of Race and Identity*; *Six Generations*; *Americans Red and Black: Stories of Afro-Native Identity and Half of Anything*; *Neshoba: The Price of Freedom*; *State of Aloha*; *Up from the Bottoms: the Search for The American Dream*; *Down for Life*; *Brick by Brick: A Civil Rights Story*; *Reel Injun*; *Budrud*; *Hustle and Flow*; *Mexican Folkloric Dance: Rafael Zamarripa's Artistic Trademark*; *Harvest of Loneliness: The Bracero Program*; *Cointelpro 101*; and *Nobo Hewa: The Wrongful Occupation of Hawaii*. Most of these movies were documentaries. Two films were dramas based on true stories. All were educational and thought provoking. In addition to the above movies, the children were treated by UCSB's Department of Arts & Lectures, to two films at Campbell Hall: *The Red Shoes* and *Our Summer in Tebran*.

### TEEN CENTER EVENTS 9/25/10, 10/28/10 & 12/18/10 (3 field trips)

Recreation staff took children to three events co-sponsored by UCSB student groups and the Isla Vista Teen Center last year. These included The Hispanic Heritage Celebration in September, "Trunk or Treat" in October and "Santa & More" in December. The December event included

several arts & craft activities, refreshments and a small gift for each child.

ART EXHIBITS 10/6/10, 10/17/10, 1/31/11, 4/6/11, 5/20/11 & 6/2/11 (6 field trips)

Isla Vista children attended five art exhibits with The District last year. The following three exhibits were featured at UCSB: “No Human Being is Illegal! Posters on the Myths and Realities of the Immigrant Experience”; sculptures and paintings by Malik Seneferu and “Bridging Through the Arts: Transracial Community Building”. The recreation division also took children to an exhibit presented by Fighting Back, featuring award winning artwork created by local children and the Goleta Union School District’s student exhibit at the Goleta Library. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the children visited two art exhibits: Reeve Woolpert’s photographs of Naples at Casa De La Guerra and, at the James Main Fine Art Gallery a few doors away, an early 20<sup>th</sup> century art collection, which included painting prints, jewelry, spoons and other eclectic collectables.

COMEDY SHOWS (18 field trips)

District recreation staff took children to eighteen *IMPROVABILITY* shows, offered from October through May at Embarcadero Hall. The children loved these wild and crazy comedy shows performed by quick-witted UCSB students on Friday nights. Many thanks to I.V. Live for sponsoring these fun and funny field trips!

ART STUDIO FIELD TRIPS (17 field trips)

Working on masterpieces at the afternoon recreation program at Children’s Park is extremely difficult because there is no inside space and the wind is generally blowing. In addition to combating the weather, the picnic tables have rough, broken surfaces and other children are constantly playing ball, eating, setting drinks on the tables and running through the area. So, in order to provide local budding artists with the space, direction and materials necessary to create wonderful works of art, The District transports them to a local art studio to work on their Kids Fight Drug Posters. At this modern studio, the children are able to make use of the professional art supplies and tools and also search the internet for images to print out and utilize in developing the ideas for their posters.

LET’S TALK ABOUT IDENTITY! 2/3/11

In February The District brought children to an interactive group discussion on Identity sponsored by UCSB’s MultiCultural Center. The questions posed to the discussion dyads focused on helping individuals determine, “What makes you who you are?”

FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS 10/2/10, 10/23/10, 4/9/11, 4/23/11 & 4/30/11 (5 field trips)

Many resident children, who could not have otherwise attended, were able to enjoy local festivities because recreation staff brought them to the following five events: The Pardall Road Carnival, the IV Food Co-op Country Fair, Earth Day in Isla Vista, the Girsh Park Egg Hunt and the Isla Vista Family Fair. Parents especially appreciated District staff bringing their children on these fun field trips.

KID’S FIGHT DRUGS AWARD CEREMONY 10/17/10

On October 17, 2010 The District’s fourteen winners of the Kid’s Fight Drugs Poster Contest were honored at a ceremony held at the Santa Barbara Court House in the Mural Room, which was filled to capacity. Afterwards the six District prize winners selected to appear on the 2011 calendar had their photos taken for the publication of 20,000 calendars printed and distributed by the Santa Barbara Counsel on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

VIVA EL ARTE PROGRAM 10/15/10, 1/7/11, 2/4/11, 3/11/11 & 4/22/11 (5 field trips)

The District brought groups of up to fifteen children to the Viva El Arte concerts, presented at Isla Vista School. The five concerts, featuring traditional Mexican music and dances, showcased the following groups: Pistolera, Mariachi Mujer 2000, Grupo Arpex:Arpa Grande de Michoacan,

Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, and Ballet Folklórico Quetzalli de Veracruz. After each concert, the audience was treated to an authentic Mexican dessert. Many thanks to the James Irvine Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Santa Barbara Foundation, Incredible Children's Art Network, the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission and UCSB Arts & Lectures for sponsoring this series.

#### STORY TELLING WORKSHOP 10/23/10

In October the Multicultural Center hosted, "Tell Me a Story! The craft of Storytelling for all Ages." This interactive workshop was led by Joseph Velasco, a very talented, internationally known performer. Everyone enjoyed the animated stories and most of the children participated in the small group performances on stage during the second half of the workshop.

#### COOKING WORKSHOP 12/11/10

In December a dozen kids went to Annie's house for a cooking workshop. The group made pepperoni pizza, gingerbread men and homemade cinnamon rolls. The children especially enjoyed making the pizza dough from scratch.

#### SANTA BARBARA EDUCATOR'S ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM (3 field trips)

Because Isla Vista Recreation and Park District provided transportation and supervision for field trips to three Santa Barbara institutions, children from low income families were able to participate in the "Explore, Discover, Learn Passport to Santa Barbara County" during the winter quarter. These excursions included trips to the Ty Warner Sea Center, The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and the Santa Barbara Zoo. Many thanks to The Corbett Foundation which provided the admission fee for staff and children to attend all three institutions.

#### SANTA BARBARA'S EL PRESIDIO 5/7/11

In May Recreation staff took a van full of children on a memorable field trip to the El Presidio Museum. The following experiential learning activities were provided: 1) An archeological dig where children dug buckets of dirt from the ground, dumped them into giant sifters, searched for pieces of bone, pottery, metal, tile, ceramic and stone, and sorted the artifacts into different coffee cans, 2) Adobe brick making, where the children mixed mud and straw with their bare feet and packed it into wooden molds with their bare hands, 3) Tortilla making, where the children used a stone mortar and pestle to grind corn into meal, added water to make it into dough, flattened the dough into a tortilla using a tortilla press and cooked the tortilla on an iron griddle placed over a fire, 4) A ceramic workshop, where the children first watched a potter throwing pots on a kick wheel and then made their own pinch pots out of clay, and 5) Musical instruments, where the children were allowed to play early Spanish instruments including a bugle, guitars, drums and table harps. Other demonstrations at the museum included separating kernels of wheat from the stalk and grinding them into flour; a blacksmith making nails; and how to make sisal rope. The children also toured the adobe buildings, rang the old bell in the town tower and petted a pack mule.

(4 field trips)

#### OTHER EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS 11/16/10, 1/15/11, 1/22/11, & 5/28/11

In addition to the numerous educational field trips already mentioned, recreation staff took children on learning excursions to the Physics Circus at the Goleta Library, the tide pools in Isla Vista, the Isla Vista Food Coop, and the UCSB's Marine Science Institute.

(9 field trips)

#### MISC. PERFORMANCES 7/23, 11/8, 3/17, 4/26, 5/19, 5/26, 6/11, 6/15 & 6/17/11

Field trips were made to seven theatrical performances two dance shows last year. These included "Una Historia of a Sleuth" presented by Nuestra Voz; the Hijabi Monologues at UCSB's Multicultural Center; "Bye Bye Birdie" at Goleta Valley Jr. High; Pinocchio by Storybook Theater; "True Tales & Clever Lies by Dan Kwong; "On The Verge", the Santa Barbara Dance Alliance's Choreography Showcase; *Beauty and The Beast* by Big Stage Productions; and *Rhymes and Rhythms* by the Curtis Studio of Dance.

## **DONATIONS, GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING**

### FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

The Isla Vista Public Improvement Corporation's grant through the FoodBank's Children At-Risk Program was renewed again this year. This year's allocation was only \$700 but that amount goes a long way at FoodBank prices. At least once a month The Recreation Coordinator filled her van with food to provide daily snacks for The District's afternoon recreation program and a variety of food to distribute to families to take home. According to the FoodBank, the retail value of the 6,738 pounds of food purchased through the "Children at Risk" program grant had a fair market value of \$11,387. The value of the four Albertson's gift cards also distributed was \$20.

### FANTASTIC FRIDAYS

The eleven Fantastic Fun Days coordinated by La Escuelita had a market value of at least \$100 each, a total of \$1,100.

### HOME DEPOT WORKSHOPS

An estimated average of 20 children participated in the twelve District-sponsored field trips to the Home Depot workshops offered this year. The approximate cost of the woodcraft kits was \$8 each. (20 kids x 12 months x \$8 = \$1,920.) In addition to the craft kits, an adorable carpenter's apron was presented to each child. (10 new participants times \$12 each = \$120) Therefore, the total value of goods received was approximately \$2,040.

### CULTURAL ENRICHMENT FIELDTRIPS

Admission expenses for all of The District's 2010-2011 cultural enrichment excursions were donated! The estimated market value of entry fees to the one hundred and seventeen activities was \$8,505: 21 movies \$1575 (21 x 10 x \$7.50); 5 music and dance performances \$525 (5 x 15 x \$7); 3 Teen Center events \$225 (3 x 15 x \$5); 9 miscellaneous performances \$1,350 (9 x 15 x \$10.50); 18 comedy shows \$810 (18 x 15 x \$3); 17 sporting events \$1785 (17 x 14 x \$7.50); 17 art workshops \$1020 (17 x 6 x \$10); 5 art exhibits (free); 1 spoken word performances \$75 (1 x 15 x \$5); 1 cooking workshop \$195 (1 x 13 x \$15); 1 ID workshop (free); 7 educational field trips \$840 (7 x 15 x \$8); 5 festivals (free); 1 SB Presidio \$105 (1 x 15 x \$7); 5 community service field trips (free); and 1 award presentation (free).

### THE FAMILY FUN & FITNESS PROGRAM

The Recreation Coordinator applied for and received \$741.28 in funding from the Isla Vista Community Relations Committee to help with expenses for the Family Fun & Fitness Program. Isla Vista School donated the use of their Multipurpose Room for the entire Family Fun & Fitness Series. The cost of renting a comparable space would be approximately \$300 per event, a total value of \$1,200. Many thanks to the IVCRC and Isla Vista School!

### GOLETA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SOCCER LEAGUE

The Goleta Boys & Girls Club gave low-income District children a marvelous discount on fees which allowed them to participate in the club's Spring Soccer League. The normal cost to play on a team is \$95 (\$75 plus a \$20 club membership fee.) Isla Vista children from low income families were allowed to play for only \$40, a savings of \$55 each. Seventeen children played on The District's team. The value of donated registration and membership fees was \$935, (\$55 x 17). Special thanks to Robert Thompson at the Goleta Boys & Girls Club for making The District's Youth Soccer Program possible!

### SEQUOIA EXCURSION

The estimated value of the five-day Sequoia Excursion with the Nature Corps program was \$500

each, for eighteen children and four staff, a \$11,000 value. The program fee was \$89 per youth, a total of \$1,780. The difference between the value received and the program cost was \$9,220 (\$11,000-\$1,780). The Nature Corps program was subsidized by The Santa Barbara Foundation and other donors.

Actual funds received by The District for the Sequoia Excursion included \$395 from the families of the participants; \$1,000 credit from the Nature Corps to help cover the cost of the extra rental van and the additional driver/chaperone needed to bring six extra youth on the excursion; \$767 for camperships from The Breakfast Optimist Club of Goleta and the UCSB Optimist Club; \$142.50 from the GIVE sale; and \$500 from The Isla Vista Public Improvement Corporation to help cover the cost of renting the cargo van. The total received was \$2,805.

### URC DONATION

After forty-one years of service in Isla Vista, the University Religious Center dissolved as an organization and sold its building on Camino Pescadero. The Board of Directors decided to use the proceeds from the sale of the building to continue the mission of the URC in the community of Isla Vista and distributed funds to numerous local organizations. The District received \$3,750 for recreation programs serving “at risk” youth.

### GIVE SALE

Four volunteers, who contributed a total of 40.25 hours working at the GIVE sale, earned an amazing \$1,046.50 for District rec. programs for youth! Many thanks to Ana Cifuentes, Marisol Cifuentes, Ana Lily Gonzalez and Hilda Gonzalez! (Ana Lily & Hilda Gonzalez went on the Sequoia Excursion with The District several years ago.)

## **TRAININGS, PROJECTS & OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

### CPR TRAINING 7/8/10

The Recreation Coordinator and the Recreation Specialist both participated in The District’s Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation class in July.

### YOUTH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP 8/16/10

In August the Recreation Coordinator attended the Santa Barbara Teen Coalition’s professional development day at the Isla Vista Teen Center. The training, offered free-of-charge to community members working with local youth, included the following topics: Youth/Teens and Today’s Drugs, Youth/Teens and Domestic Violence, and Youth/Teen Wellness.

### TEEN CENTER OPEN HOUSE 9/2/10

The Recreation Division provided an information/resource table at the Isla Vista Teen Center’s Open House on Thursday, September 2nd. Goals of the event were to bring new and old community members together and to provide information on all the resources available to community members.

### ISLA VISTA COMMUNITY NETWORK

District Board Member, Diane Conn and the Recreation Coordinator, Anne E. Aziz, are active members of the Isla Vista Community Network which meets on a monthly basis. “The Isla Vista Community Network’s purpose is to build a network of people which works together to improve the quality of life in the community of Isla Vista. Through this network of individuals and organizations, the participants strive to:

- Build and strengthen relationships with one another
- Share information and resources
- Initiate cooperative action in response to current and emerging needs in Isla Vista

The group works to raise awareness about services and resources available to the members of the Isla Vista community, recruit volunteers, and encourage other individuals and organizations to participate in the network. This collaborative hopes to create a healthier and more vibrant community. E-mail contact is: [islavistacommunitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:islavistacommunitynetwork@gmail.com)

### ISLA VISTA CHILDREN'S COLLABORATIVE

The Isla Vista Youth Projects is spearheading a community collaborative school-readiness project through a grant funded by the Santa Barbara Foundation, First 5 of Santa Barbara County, the Hutton Foundation, the Orfalea Foundation and the James S. Bower Foundation. Funding for one year was provided to complete an assessment on what children and families in our community need to succeed. Collaborative partners include, The Isla Vista Youth Projects, Isla Vista School, UCSB, The Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, The Sheriff's Department, The Isla Vista Recreation & Park District, Partners for Fit Youth, The Isla Vista Teen Center, Health Linkages, Welcome Every Baby, Catholic Charities, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> District County Supervisor.

The following is the Project Abstract:

“The Isla Vista Community Collaborative will develop a plan to achieve a comprehensive, coordinated and integrated system of care and learning for Isla Vista children inclusive of our community, neighborhood and families. The community to be served is the attendance boundaries for Isla Vista Elementary School (approximately 80 kindergartners) of whom 50% are English Language Learners and 72% qualify for free / reduced meals. Due to lack of services, Isla Vista has a long-standing tradition of collaboration, and the community is ready to plan for, and implement, demonstrable change. A broad based coalition of community- and campus-based groups already meet monthly and are fully committed to this planning process. Isla Vista Youth Projects will provide leadership and project coordination. UCSB Graduate School of Education Special Education, Disability & Risk Studies program emphasis and the Department of Counseling, Clinical & School Psychology Department will subcontract to provide expertise in assessment and intervention to address learning and reading disabilities as well as provide a graduate research student to assess children, enter and analyze data, and work with the collaborative to develop strategic and implementation plans. Focus groups will be held with community partners to gather data, and parents will be trained to survey their peers door-to-door. Active involvement and participation of community parents and groups will strengthen commitment to the community collaborative as each voice will be heard, valued and appreciated. We envision a community where all children 0-5 are healthy, safe and thriving, have a strong foundation for learning, and live in families and a community that support their school readiness.”

### COMMUNITY TUTORING COLLABORATIVE

The Recreation Coordinator met with representatives from the Teen Center, Isla Vista Youth Projects and UCSB's Associated Students to assess unmet homework assistance needs and coordinate efforts to make tutoring services available to all children in Isla Vista. The new collaborative tutoring program at Children's Park was developed as a result of this group.

### PARTNERS FOR FIT YOUTH

Several community partners have been meeting to assist in the development of a County Public Health Obesity Prevention Plan. Recent Body Mass Index (BMI) measurements of local preschool children indicated that 43.5% are overweight or obese. In order to address this health problem, Partners for Fit Youth is utilizing an Obesity Prevention Survey to assess knowledge and gather information on preventative measures currently being practiced by families in the community. After using the information gathered to assess the needs of local families, educational programs for parents will be offered.

## SB COUNTY'S RESOURCE GUIDE

To promote healthy weights for children and families, CenCal Health, in partnership with the Public Health Department, Sansum Diabetes Research Institute, and the Diabetes Resource Center, developed a resource guide which outlines community resources available to local residents. Recreation programs provided by the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District are included in the resource guide, which is distributed by health care professionals.

## RECREATION PROGRAM BUDGETS & SPENDING

The Recreation Coordinator created and maintained budgets for all recreation programs. The budgets included projected costs for staff wages, employer expenses, transportation, equipment and supplies, and revenue received. Two detailed spread sheets to track spending by program and by account are also maintained.

## RECREATION STAFF SAFETY MEETINGS

Recreation safety meetings are generally held on a monthly basis. Written material on a relevant safety topic is presented and current recreation program safety concerns are discussed. At each meeting, recreation staff is encouraged to share ideas and suggestions for program improvement. Topics for the year included orientation: a review of the Recreation Staff Handbook, dress code, location of emergency phone numbers, first aid kits and the fire extinguisher; blood borne pathogens and hazardous materials; back safety & lifting techniques; first aid/emergency procedures; opening & closing procedures; rec. program volunteers; sun safety; scam alerts; safe use of fire extinguishers; earthquake safety; bottle bombs; fire safety; and mountain lion & black bear safety.

## DISTRICT STAFF SAFETY MEETINGS

The Recreation Coordinator participated in The District's quarterly staff safety meetings. These meetings included a review of employee accidents and recommendations, a discussion of safety inspections, a review of liability incidents and recommendations, a discussion of past and future training programs, a review of employee suggestions, and a general safety discussion on a specific topic.

## RECREATION STAFF

The Recreation Coordinator and the Recreation Specialist worked a combined total of fifty hours per week, only 25% more than one full-time position. Three work/study program recreation leaders assisted with running the afternoon recreation program at Children's Park during the school year and two part-time casual labor, recreation leaders helped with the summer program.

Volunteers are always a vital part of The District's Recreation Programs. Providing the quality and quantity of services we deliver to the community without their assistance would not be possible. The Recreation Coordinator and Recreation Specialist supervised 55 adult volunteers and 10 teen volunteers who assisted with several children's programs and the Dia De Los Niños Festival last year.

Rosita Gonzalez, who received her Class B Driver's License in March, has now been working as The District's Recreation Specialist for one year. The fact that Rosita is bi-lingual and bi-cultural is a great asset to the District. Rosita has an excellent rapport with the children and their families.

## SUMMARY

In addition to running fourteen programs, which was more than in any other year, recreation staff escorted children on **270 excursions**, delivering another record breaking year of accomplishments for The District. Two hundred and seventy excursions is an average of five field trips per week! More than 75% of these field trips were made on foot! Excursions included 22 unduplicated Hiking & Exploration Club outings, 9 swimming trips, 117 Cultural Enrichment field trips, 86 Adopt-A-

Block clean-ups, 12 Home Depot Workshops, 8 youth soccer games, and one five-day camping excursion to Sequoia, which included 15 field trips within the National Forest. The total was 41 more field trips than last year's amazing record of 229!

In between running regular recreation programs and supervising field trips, recreation staff coordinated nine mini-competitions and four special events, including a holiday food distribution, a Thanksgiving Turkey distribution, an award presentation and a summer jump rope contest. Recreation staff also tabled at the Teen Center Open House, attended the Youth Professional Development Workshop and collaborated with other local organizations on The Isla Vista Children's Collaborative Project, the Dia De Los Ninos Festival, The Partners for Fit Youth Obesity Prevention Program, The Santa Barbara County Resource Guide, and a new tutoring program for Isla Vista Youth.

Last year the Recreation Division procured a total value of \$42,749.50 in grants, consumables, scholarships, camperships, tickets, facilities and recreational programming for the following programs: Food Distribution \$11,407; Fantastic Fridays \$1,100; Home Depot Workshops \$2,040; The Cultural Enrichment Program \$8,505; Family Fun and Fitness \$1,941; Youth Soccer Program \$935; Nature Corps Program \$9,220; Sequoia Excursion \$2,805; and \$4,796.50 from miscellaneous donors (\$3,750 from the URC and \$1,046.50 from GIVE volunteers).

At least 302 unduplicated children representing 149 families participated in District recreation programs last year. In addition to these children, an estimated 100 adults benefited from the Food Distribution Program and twenty-eight unduplicated families participated in the new Family Fun & Fitness Program. Recreation staff is passionate about providing a variety of quality recreation programs which provide opportunities to build strong bodies, create character and empower the children of our community!



## STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD

**FROM:** Jeff Lindgren, General Manager

**DATE REPORT PREPARED:** August 12, 2011

**MEETING DATE:** August 11, 2011

**RE: BOARD PROJECTS OF INTEREST:  
Distribution of Board Materials, Board Minute Log, Operation Hours,  
Grounds Report, Park Ranger Report, and Anisq'Oyo' Park Lighting**

### **Recommendation:**

Direct staff to undertake and report back as necessary on electronic distribution of Board materials, publish the Board Minute Log on the District Web Site, develop a report on work hours and hours of operation, report on progress with Grounds supervision, add a Park Ranger Report to the General Manager's Report and address safety and maintenance issues with lighting in Anisq'Oyo' Park.

### **Executive Summary:**

This item is on the agenda at the request of the Chair for Board information and so the Board may provide staff with direction on the Distribution of Board Materials, Board Minute Log, Work Hours, Report on Grounds Supervision, Park Ranger Report, and Anisq'Oyo' Park Lighting.

### **Discussion:**

The following items are suggested items for staff to address in the coming months:

- **Distribution of Board Materials** – Regular Board meeting materials will be made available and emailed to the Board at least 7 days prior to the meeting and will be in an electronically searchable format as far as is feasible.
- **Board Minute Log** – Publish 2005 through 2011 Minute Log on the District website by August 11, 2011.
- **Work Hours** – General Manager is to provide the Board with documentation of employee working hours and District hours of operation.
- **Report on Grounds Supervision** – General Manager to report on improvements in Grounds supervision, communication and coordination.
- **Park Ranger Report** – General manager to direct the Park Ranger to prepare a brief report on problem locations within the District, coordination with staff, contact with park users, coordination with Sheriff's Department and recommendations. This would be a component of the General Managers Administrative Report.

- **Anisq'Oyo' Park Lighting** – Inspect, repair and clean all lights and study options for replacement and adding additional lighting in park. A schedule for repair and cleaning to be forwarded to Board members.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation. The outcome of these various reports may have fiscal impacts. Actions that require financial authorization will be brought back before the Board.



## STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD

**FROM:** Gabriel Bretado, District Clerk

**DATE REPORT PREPARED:** August 1, 2011

**MEETING DATE:** August 11, 2011

**RE:** **FINAL ENGINEERS REPORT**

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors receive a Staff report and hold a public hearing to hear any protests regarding 2011/2012 assessments, and consider approval of the Final Engineer's Report.

**Executive Summary:**

The proposed levy of the assessment is required by the legal agreements to repay the outstanding debt from the purchase of Blufftop properties and Perfect Park. The action is additionally consistent with District Policy §3020.76 and §3020.77, and the Benefit Assessments District section of the District Master Plan

**Discussion:**

A public notice was published in the *Santa Barbara News-Press* in July 19, 2011, advising the public of this hearing concerning the levies for Reassessment District 99-1. The amounts to be levied for the District are per the Board-approved budget, and are shown in the Final Engineer's Report

**Fiscal Impacts:** Approval of the levy of assessments would cover operational and debt service obligations and provide sufficient reserves (cash flow) to make bond payments.

**RESOLUTION NO. 110811-001**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS IN REASSESSMENT DISTRICT 99-01, AND APPROVING THE FINAL ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (commencing with Section 22500 of the California Streets & Highways Code) (the "Act"), the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District (the "District") previously adopted Resolution No. 110714-001 declaring the Board's intention to levy and collect assessments in Reassessment District 99-01 (the "Reassessment District"), describing the district to be assessed to pay the costs and expenses thereof, approving the preliminary Engineer's Report, and fixing the time and place for a public hearing;

WHEREAS, following notice given in accordance with law, the Board held a full and fair public hearing on July 14, 2011 to consider all oral statements and written protests regarding the levy and collection of assessments within the Reassessment District for the 2010-2011 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the Board afforded every interested person the opportunity to hear and be heard regarding protests and objections to the levy and collection of the proposed assessments, and considered each oral and written statement, protest, and communication made or filed by interested persons;

WHEREAS, Penfield & Smith (the "Engineer of Work") has presented a modified Engineer's Report (the "Report") to the Board which makes changes to certain matters provided in the preliminary Engineer's Report, including corrections to the title and headings and changes to the proposed assessments for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, none of which have resulted in an increase to the proposed assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer of Work has filed the modified Report with the District Clerk for submission to the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board as follows:

1. **Approval of the Engineer's Report.** The Board hereby approves the Report, as modified. The Secretary of the Board is directed forthwith to endorse the fact and date of such approval on the Report and to file the Report in the official records of the District Clerk.
2. **Confirmation of Diagram and Assessments.** The Board hereby declares that the diagram and assessments in the Report, as modified, are confirmed as filed.
3. **Levy of Assessments.** The adoption of this Resolution constitutes the levy of assessments in the Reassessment District for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.
4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2011.**

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**ISLA VISTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_